

HOUSE BILL 2832

By Lafferty

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53
and Title 70, relative to donations of meat.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-7-209, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e)

(1) As used in this subsection (e), "exotic animal" means a member of a species of game that is not indigenous to this state, including wild-appearing swine, as defined in § 70-4-133.

(2) The provisions of this part requiring inspection of the slaughter of livestock, deer, and poultry, and the preparation of carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, and meat food products at establishments conducting those operations do not apply to the slaughtering of exotic animals or the preparation and transportation in intrastate commerce of exotic animals if:

(A) The exotic animals are exclusively for donation by a hunter to a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization that operates a food bank or on-site feeding program, or both, for free distribution of food to combat poverty and hunger;

(B) The slaughter or preparation is conducted at the premises where the hunter killed the exotic animal, the hunter's premises, or at a custom slaughterhouse; and

(C) The transportation is limited to moving the carcass or meat from the exotic animal to and from:

(i) The premises of the hunter who killed the exotic animal, the custom slaughterhouse, and the charitable or nonprofit organization; or

(ii) The premises where the hunter killed the exotic animal, the custom slaughterhouse, and the charitable or nonprofit organization.

(3) An article described by subdivision (e)(2)(A) must not be combined with:

(A) A meat food product regulated under the Federal Meat Inspection Act; or

(B) A poultry product regulated under the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act.

(4) This subsection (e) does not authorize the hunting or taking of an exotic animal in a manner that is prohibited under title 70, or other applicable law.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.